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For : PRODUCTION METHOD OF PURE METAL/ALLOY SUPER-MICRO  
POWDER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated May 21, 2009, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until August 21, 2009.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.